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April 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project - Support for \$145,000 grant.

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of the City of Malibu's request for additional funding for the Solstice Creek/Corral Canyon Bridge Replacement Project.

I have been a strong supporter of a number of fish barrier removal projects in Solstice Creek for more than five years. There is strong evidence that, when barriers are removed, steelhead trout will swim up the creek to spawn and replenish this endangered species in the Santa Monica Mountains. Malibu has joined with the National Park Service and Heal the Bay to remove one of the last two remaining barriers to fish passage. Malibu has completed the final design and obtained permits for the project, which will be ready to begin this summer, once additional funding is secured.

Few locations throughout Southern California, especially in the Santa Monica Mountains region, have permanently protected habitat and are so well suited to implement restoration activities. The City of Malibu's commitment to contributing an equal amount of funds demonstrates their dedication to finishing the project.

I urge the board to assist the City of Malibu with the additional funding needed to complete construction this summer.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sheila J. Kuehl", written over a printed name.

SHEILA JAMES KUEHL

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April 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: SOLSTICE CREEK FISH BARRIER REMOVAL  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am pleased to write in strong support of the City of Malibu's request for a grant in the amount of \$145,000 toward replacement of the current Corral Canyon Road concrete box culvert with an open bottom bridge. The intent is to help get this critical barrier to the migration of steelhead trout removed, with the goal of completing the work this summer.

This is an important project that has received widespread support, and I respectfully urge your favorable action. Please don't hesitate to call on me at any time that I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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**JULIA BROWNLEY,**  
Assemblymember, 41<sup>st</sup> AD

JB:lr



## United States Department of the Interior

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area  
401 West Hillcrest Drive  
Thousand Oaks, California 91360-4207

In reply refer to:  
N1423(SAMO)

April 5, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of The National Park Service, I encourage your support for the Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project on Corral Canyon Road. The National Park Service and many federal, state and local partners have been collaborating on the restoration of this watershed for the endangered southern California steelhead trout. When completed Solstice Creek will be a link between other critical steelhead streams as well as increase the refugia for this species by 25% in the Santa Monica Mountains.

This project is more than 50% complete, with all steelhead migration barriers removed in the upper watershed. We are working closely with the City of Malibu and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify or remove the final two barriers for Solstice Creek. The City of Malibu plans for the removal of their barrier by this summer (2007) followed by Caltrans in 2008.

We are pleased with the City's proposed construction timeline and appreciate your favorable consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

Woody Smack  
Superintendent

cc: Kara Kemmler  
Ray Sauvajot



DANIEL C. PREECE  
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April 30, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for \$145,000 grant to the Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM), we strongly encourage your support of the City of Malibu request for supplemental funding to the amount of \$145,000 for the Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project. This project will replace the Corral Canyon Road bridge with an open bottom culvert, providing fish migration access.

Throughout the duration of efforts to remove fish migration barriers from Solstice Creek, the RCDSMM has provided support in the form of staff time from our biologist Steve Williams. We have been tremendously impressed with the quality of stream restoration work and with the efficacy of simultaneous efforts to remove invasive species and put in native plants.

Removing this culvert to put in a bridge is crucial to the ultimate completion of the Solstice Creek Restoration project. This beautiful year-round mountain stream has the potential to become the home to endangered Southern Steelhead Trout. As you know, in order to reproduce, these fish must have unimpeded access to swim up a stream and breed, making this a keystone project for this creek. Since the fish may select adjacent creeks to breed in subsequent years, this project has the potential to benefit the whole Santa Monica Mountains region. Finally, as stream restoration efforts continue in the region, completion of this project will make Solstice Creek an excellent demonstration project, showing how to transform a creek from blocked habitat to accessible habitat.

We would very much appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Melina Watts  
Malibu Creek Watershed Coordinator

**BEAURIVAGE**

Mediterranean  
**RESTAURANT**

May 14, 2004

Department of Fish & Game  
State of California  
3211 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: City of Malibu grant for culvert at Corral Canyon & Solstice Creek

To Whom it may concern

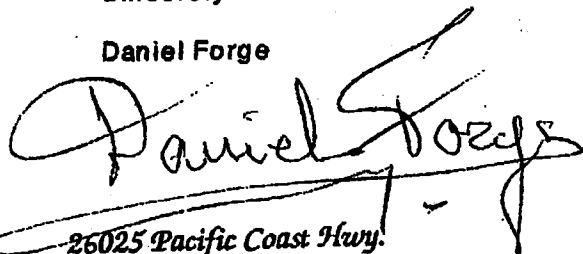
My wife and I own a 4.73 acre parcel at 26025 Pacific Coast Highway on Malibu. We recently received approval from the City of Malibu for a twenty seven unit bed & breakfast project which will be located adjacent to our Beaurivage restaurant. We are currently processing an amendment to our coastal permit through the California Coastal Commission. We obtained a coastal permit in 1989 for a shopping center on this site. The coastal permit was vested by an addition to the restaurant. In obtaining the coastal permit we agreed to dedicate half of our property to open space. The dedicated open space includes Solstice Creek and the ESHA that surrounds it.

We understand that there is a grant in process to help the City of Malibu replace the culvert at Corral Canyon Road and Solstice Creek. Our property is the link between the tunnel under Pacific Coast Highway and the National Park Service property on the north. Solstice Creek runs from the National park service property to the ocean through our property and through the tunnel to the beach.

We support the replacement to allow steelhead trout passage and we are willing to allow the City and its designated contractors stage equipment during the culvert replacement project in 2005 and monitoring in subsequent years. We are currently working closely with the California Coastal Commission, the National Park Service, the Resource Conservation District and Heal the Bay to design a stream restoration project on our site as part of the bed and breakfast project that will benefit fish passage and improve the degraded stream habitat on site.

Sincerely

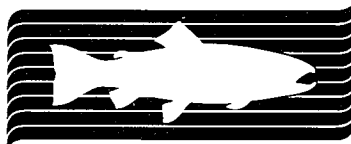
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**CALIFORNIA TROUT**



KEEPER OF THE STREAMS

April 4, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout), I encourage your support for the Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement Project. CalTrout has been a leader in the protection, and ultimate restoration of Southern California steelhead.

Fish passage at Corral Canyon Road will be critical to realize fully the public investments already made for Solstice Creek steelhead habitat. Few if any coastal watersheds in central and southern California have all the substantial fish passage barriers fixed, especially at sites readily available for public observation, but Solstice Creek will become a showcase suite of projects to demonstrate these important fish passage methods on-the-ground in the region.

This fish passage project further supports the ongoing steelhead habitat assessment project now being conducted by CalTrout for coastal watersheds of the entire Santa Monica Mountains area. The Corral Canyon Road project will demonstrate another tangible example of an actual restoration project, thereby bolstering public support with a local example of similar future projects to be identified in CalTrout's mountains-wide assessment project.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jim Edmondson, Southern California Manager